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## Seminary presidents outline hopes

At a news conference, presidents of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries outline their hopes for the four-day Conference on Biblical Inerrancy. Fielding reporters questions are, from left, Russell Dilday, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy Honeycutt, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Landrum Leavell, New

Orleans Seminary, New Orleans; Milton Ferguson, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; William Crews, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Randall Lolley, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. (Article on page 3.) (Photo by John McTyre)

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## Baptist worshippers slain in persecution in Mexico

SANTIAGO ATITLAN MIXE, Mexico (BP) — Three people have been killed in religious persecution in this mountain village in southern Mexico.

The victims, according to one account, had been worshipping at a small Baptist mission and were in the process of becoming members.

A newspaper in the city of Oaxaca reported April 9 that the killings, which took place April 1, were "at the hands of the municipal authorities" of Santiago Atitlan Mixe. The article, titled "The Holy War Collects Three More Victims," also said 28 adults and 11 children were in prison because of persecution.

Killed were Terencio Vasquez Silverio, Martiniano Martinez and Abdon Julian Baltazar. No information was available about their ages or personal backgrounds.

Several members of the Baptist mission have fled Santiago Atitlan

Mixe. About 10 of them are being sheltered in First Baptist Church of Oaxaca. The refugees fear others attempting to flee the village have been arrested.

The strife began the last week of March. Esteban Lorenzo, a Mexican Baptist missionary supported by the Oaxaca Baptist Association, had led Bible studies in the village March 23 and 24. On March 25, police entered the meeting and arrested Lorenzo and several members of the Baptist mission.

Lorenzo was released from custody April 5, after being beaten and forced to sign a document stating that he would never return to the village.

He subsequently obtained an order from government authorities in a nearby town for the release of the others. When he returned to Santiago Atitlan Mixe, he was not allowed to enter the village.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP) — Teenage suicide is not primarily a teenage problem or even a family problem, but "a crisis of society," a family counselor told a Southern Baptist seminar on family issues.

John Q. Baucom, a Southern Baptist layman from Chattanooga, Tenn., who has written and spoken extensively on teenage suicide, said today's children are growing up in "a hurried society" filled with pressure yet "generally absent of significant adult relationships."

Baucom addressed the annual seminar of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission held in Charlotte, N.C. The hurried society, where "the value is hurry up and grow up," is a society created by adults that thrusts that value upon children, Baucom said.

The problem is that children can be "hurried up" physically and intellectually but not emotionally, he said.

That kind of environment, he said, builds anxiety and stress while sapping self-esteem. The consequences are often destructive, and can include suicide.

Baucom said that in 1986 more than 2 million teenagers attempted suicide — 6,300 of whom died. Both figures, he added, are expected to rise this year.

The key to coping with the growing crisis is the caring involvement of adults in the daily lives of children and youths, he said, noting adults — including parents — "just aren't as available to children as they need to be."

## Violence in Sri Lanka spurs call for witness

By Marty Croll

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (BP) — In the wake of recent violence, Southern Baptist missionary Jarrett Ragan urged Baptist worshipers here to put greater emphasis on personal evangelism.

He made his comments during an April 26 service in a community of more than 2,000 homes in the Colombo area, after nearly 250 Sri Lankans died and others were maimed as the result of recent terrorist attacks. The violence came from rebel Tamil groups who want to establish a Tamil state in one part of the nation, which is about half the size of Georgia.

Ragan, of Toccoa, Ga., and his wife, Charlotte, of Louisville, Ky., are the only Southern Baptist missionaries living in Sri Lanka — an island formerly known as Ceylon off the southeast coast of India. A bitter rivalry between the Buddhist Sinhalese majority and the Hindu Tamils has existed for centuries, dating from the Tamils' migration from India and their collision with the Sinhalese, who ruled the island.

Assuming that the people who died were an average mixture of Sri Lanka's general population, which is only about five percent Christian, "95 percent of these who were actually killed were lost people" or non-Christians, Ragan told the Baptist group, which included one Tamil couple. "We ought to be more urgent in our seeking to bear witness to people all around us."

Ragan was referring to a car bomb that exploded during commuter rush hour April 21 at a bus station less than a mile from his house and to massacres in northern Sri Lanka that began four days earlier. He said 113 people died in the bombing and 130 were massacred. Adding government retaliations, Associated Press and United Press International reports say nearly 400 people died in a six-

day period. Ragan said as far as he knew, none was Baptist.

The Ragans were shopping when the blast occurred in Colombo. They first realized something was amiss on their way home when they were detoured around the accident ward of the hospital near their house as emergency procedures began for about 300 wounded people.

Baptists in Sri Lanka show a love for each other that transcends racial prejudice, but both Sinhalese and Tamil believers are uneasy about the situation, Ragan said.

The Ragans work with the Sri Lanka Baptist Society, offering a sort of mini-theological program of 18 leadership training courses to Baptist workers and laypeople. The Ragans were missionaries in Singapore and Malaysia for 18 years before coming to Sri Lanka in 1983.

After growing to 50 preaching points and churches, Sri Lanka Baptists saw some tough times, Ragan said. But excitement has been renewed, and now the society claims 20 churches and 11 outreach points.

Baptists' new life is evidenced in part by spirited participation in the leadership training program the Ragans were asked to implement. One layman plans to leave a responsible position in the juvenile court system to become a full-time Christian worker. He has three teen-age daughters.

The layman, Kingsley Perera, is "giving up a whole lot," Ragan said.

"Full-time (Christian) workers make very little, but he feels the Lord is going to take care of them, and so do we." During Perera's first course in leadership training, he began taking his Bible to work with him and presenting the gospel, something that has been unusual in Sri Lanka, Ragan said.

Marty Croll writes for the FMB.

## Ways to avoid teen suicide?

By David Wilkinson

He emphasized the need for "significant adult relationships," stressing, "It takes more than two adults today to raise one healthy child."

Baucom pointed out teenagers who don't attempt suicide are those who enjoy "multiple, significant adult relationships," who are integrated into society and who have a high degree of self-esteem.

He suggested several steps to parents to help "suicide proof" their children:

— Accept the children unconditionally. "This doesn't mean you praise the child for everything, but that you accept the 'behavior,' not necessarily the behavior."

— Demonstrate love through concrete action. "Do things that are caring. And do things with intensity. We've got tough competition out there for the attention of our children."

— Communicate. "Keep the channels of communication open. Make it safe for your child to communicate with you about anything."

— Don't push. "Children today have enough stress. Don't push for grades. After all, what's a grade worth?"

— Respect each child as an individual.

— Find time to spend with your child. "If I invest quality time in a child, I will eventually get quality time."

David Wilkinson works for Southern Seminary.

# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Senior adult inspiration

Spending three days with 13,000 senior adults from all across the nation recently was an inspiring experience for me. Perhaps it is because I identify with that group in more ways than one that it was so, but I thoroughly enjoyed it.

In the first place, my age, though just a bit short of retirement, fits into the senior adult category. In the second place, I ran across some friends of very long standing while I was there. Jack Gullidge, the editor of *Mature Living*, the senior adult magazine, was a young preacher just getting started in my father's association (my father was director of missions) when I first ran across him at least 30 years ago. I enjoyed a visit with him and wish I'd had more time.

Kermit King and I have kept this quiet. Neither of us has wanted to plague the other with it, but we are fifth cousins — or something like that. We had a common great-great grandfather. His mother was a McGregor from McMinnville, Tenn., where my grandfather grew up. Kermit and I had an occasion to visit briefly. There were no long visits with anyone. It was a busy time. Kermit, the Church Training director in Mississippi before he retired, is now working with the Senior Adult Section of the Family Ministry Department of the SBC Sunday School Board.

I have known Horace Kerr since I moved to Mississippi 12<sup>1/2</sup> years ago. He was recording secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention at that point, so we conferred in many matters as I covered convention sessions.

Horace is now the manager for the Senior Adult Section. His small group of folks did an amazing job in working out the program and handling the logistics on the convention. He is a native of Louisville, Miss. I had very little time to talk to Horace, but did work in a cup of coffee with him. He and his crew are to be congratulated.

I got acquainted for the first time with two consultants in the Senior Adult Section. Sam Satterfield and Bill Howse, as we ate together one night. Satterfield was the one most responsible for looking after the details of the convention. My connection with the Howse family goes back many, many years; for his father was education director in the church where my family attended when my father was studying for the ministry. I was about five years old. Finally, when I got to the seminary and was studying religious education, the father was on the faculty there. I explained to Bill, when the *Baptist Standard*, the Texas Baptist paper, offered me a job. I asked Dr. Howse what he thought about it. He advised me to stay in the seminary. I didn't take his advice and have never been sorry that I didn't. Bill and I had a chance to

chuckle over that.

And, of course, the two Mississippians who stole the hearts of the convention goers were there. They were Jerry Clower, the dedicated Baptist layman from Yazoo City who is a radio and television star and member of the Grand Ole Opry, and the *Baptist Record*'s own Irene Martin, an entertainment personality in her own right and a pianist of ability that is seldom matched.

But in paying tribute to people involved in the convention, the senior adults themselves would have to be applauded. It is an inspiration to be around them. Of course, with 13,000 of them in attendance, one cannot talk to a very big slice of the group; but it was nice to find a few to chat with. One night, sitting at the press table, I found that I was needed to explain to a blind lady what was going on, including a description of the clothes some of the program personalities were wearing. That was the night of the Jerry Clower address, and he was wearing his bright red western suit. Irene Martin was wearing a western dress embroidered with yellow roses with green leaves and stems. The blind lady had heard the people around her telling about it.

Since she was not from Texas, I am not sure she realized the impact that the song, "The Yellow Rose of Texas," has on residents of my native state.

The convention was in Fort Worth. There is some indication that the song had its beginning following the battle of San Jacinto in 1836, when Texas won its independence from Mexico. Legend has it that the Mexican general, Santa Anna, was distracted somewhat just before the battle by a young lady who was known as the yellow rose of Texas. That was the only battle Texas won in its bid for independence, but it was all that was needed.

Anyway, it was a joy to visit with the senior adults. I suppose as I sat at the press table, I looked as if I had some measure of authority. A distraught choir member came along to tell me that she had lost the green ribbon that identified her as a choir member. Of course, she could have been a part of the choir without it, but I imagine she wanted it as a souvenir. So I took steps to see if I could help her find a replacement. We finally zeroed in on Sam Satterfield, and he told her where to find one.

As a group, the senior adults were a delight to watch. They have universal good humor and are very patient with the matters that usually aggravate convention goers, such as standing in serving lines for long periods. As they stand, they just go ahead and enjoy being together.

They came to the convention and stayed. The largest crowd was on Monday evening, but the Wednesday

morning session was very well attended. They were in attendance at the sessions, and they sang with enthusiasm and conviction.

The Senior Adult Section plowed a new furrow when it staged this convention. It was a historic event. It was the first Baptist senior adult convention ever. And the people came from all over the nation. If I got the message right, there were only two states not represented.

The Senior Adult Section may have a bear by the tail. It is going to have to do this again, and indeed the staff members will be studying ways that it can be done again. For such a small staff, an undertaking such as this takes an enormous effort. So it cannot be an annual event. Five years, however, is too long to wait. The staff realizes that most of those who attended this year's convention will want to go again. They can't wait too long. It would be hoped that such a convention could be staged every second year.

This indeed may have been the most significant meeting ever held among Southern Baptists. Until recently, senior adults had almost been a forgotten category. Now they comprise the fastest growing group

## Don't mess with us

I spent a few days in the Dallas area on vacation visiting with children, and then drove to Fort Worth to attend the first nationwide senior adult convention for Southern Baptists. Then I drove back to Jackson.

So I had occasion to see a lot of highway miles in Texas during the time I was there.

Something impressed me. Texas highways are generally clear of litter.

There are penalties for littering the roadside in Texas just as there are in Mississippi, but that is not the reason for the freedom from litter. And, sadly, the reason for the freedom from litter is not that there is none left by motorists. The fact is that in Texas a program for cleaning up the mess is paying off.

From time to time a motorist will see a sign that says, "Adopt a Highway." The driver might wonder what that means until another sign is spotted that says, "The next \_\_\_\_ miles of this highway are being kept clean by \_\_\_\_." Many times it is the name of a church that is listed in the

among us.

They have the time and the money to do things that they want to do. They enjoy traveling and meeting with other senior adults.

They will be wanting to have more conventions.

There is one thing about senior adults. They are insistent.

space noting who has accepted the responsibility for keeping that stretch of highway clean.

Texas has a highway slogan that says, "Don't Mess with Texas." That sounds fine and is intended to have somewhat of an ominous ring to it. One would expect to see an "or else" following the notation. It is an attempt to enlist the help of people in keeping the highways clean.

It would sound better and have an alliterative sound to it to say, "Don't Mess with Mississippi." Texas wouldn't mind our borrowing that slogan if it served a good purpose. Actually, it would go well in all states.

Be that as it may, the program of adopting a stretch of highway is a good one. Baptist churches in this state could keep the major highways clear of litter if they would become interested in doing it. The effort would more than pay off in increased pride in the state and increased pride in the part played in keeping it clean.

There is nobody to tell the churches to do this. They must decide to do it on their own.

The idea of the official adoption of a stretch of highway, of course, would take legislative action; and we call on the Legislature to put that program into action at the next session. But churches can go to work now. That would give the Legislature a nudge for establishing the adoption program.

As noted in an earlier editorial on the same subject, however, there are many miles of beautiful country roads that the church might not think about as it was working out its program for cleanliness. This is a plea to remember these rural roads as the assignments are being made. Most of the trash seems to wind up on these roads. For some reason, motorists don't throw their fast food boxes out of their car windows as often on the interstate highways as they do along country lanes. The reason for this is a mystery.

So the country roads need as much or more attention as the interstates. And, who knows, a program to clean up the highways and roadsides might result in less trash being tossed out.

To get the job done and keep it done will take organized and concerted action. The *Baptist Record* plans to maintain a report of developments so that citizens may be able to be aware of the progress being made.

Let's be sure there is progress to report.

## Old literature helps youth begin new life

IRINGA, Tanzania (BP) — An old Sunday school quarterly, pulled from the shelf to be used to roll marijuana cigarettes, challenged a young Tanzanian man to rethink the life he was living.

Today he is preparing to preach the same gospel that so unexpectedly confronted him.

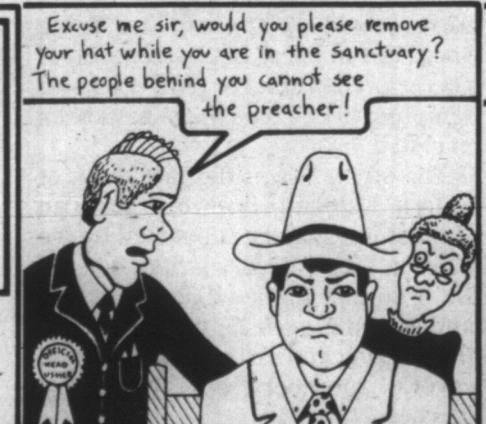
Keith Oliphint, a Southern Baptist missionary from Texas now living in Iringa, Tanzania, wrote the literature while he was working in Mbeya, Tanzania. Last winter he got a puzzling letter from a man he knew as "Gibbons" asking his advice on how to prepare to be a preacher, urging, "Please help me like you helped me the first time."

Oliphint couldn't remember a first time. And he had not seen or heard from Gibbons for years.

A second letter filled in the gaps. After the Oliphints left Mbeya, Gibbons had left the church and begun living a life of alcohol and drugs.

One day while searching his father's bookshelf for paper to roll marijuana cigarettes he came across the quarterly. He recognized Oliphint's name and decided to read "A New Person."

After reading the quarterly, Gibbons "gave his heart and life to Jesus as Lord so that he also could be a new person," returned to church and is now a leader in his church's youth group, Oliphint reported.



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## Inerrancy Conference

# Pollard responses get enthusiastic applause

By Don McGregor

Mississippi pastor Frank Pollard very likely made the most lasting impression of all of the 12 Southern Baptists who responded to major addresses during the national Conference on Biblical Inerrancy May 4 to 7 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina.

Pollard's impression was made both by what he said and what he didn't say. His response on Thursday morning to Millard Erickson, dean at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., was vigorously applauded. He was to have responded also to J. I. Packer, professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, also on Thursday morning. He was to have been the final speaker of the conference; but the speaker preceding him, Gene Williams, president of Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., took up all of the allotted time; and Pollard closed the conference without speaking again.

Pollard is pastor of First Church, Jackson.

### Inerrancy Authorities

The conference was built around the messages of six non-Southern Baptists who were known to be authorities on inerrancy. The 12 Southern Baptists responded to the addresses by the other men. There were two responders to each message with the thought being to have one from each side of the inerrancy question.

Pollard's response to Erickson received the most enthusiastic ovation of all of the responders.

There were eleven major addresses plus a sermon during the opening worship hour. The 22 responses brought the total number of speeches during the conference to 34.

The 11 major addresses were delivered by Mark Noll, professor of history and church history at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; Robert Preus, president of Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Clark Pinnock, professor of systematic theology at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario; Kenneth Kantzer, dean of the Christianity Today Institute and chancellor of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill.; Packer; and Erickson.

The responders, in addition to Pollard and Williams, were James Carter, pastor of University Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Richard Land, on leave from Criswell College in Dallas, to serve as counsel on church-state relations on the staff of Texas Gov. Bill Clements; William Hull, provost at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; Paige Patterson, president of

Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; John Lewis, pastor of First Church, Raleigh, N.C.; James Flaming, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va.; Ed Young, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Texas; Peter Rhea Jones, pastor of First Church, Decatur, Ga.; and Rick Melick, professor of Greek and New Testament at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, Tenn.

### Fifteen Seminars

In addition, there were 15 seminars with 17 leaders, all of whom were seminary faculty members or administrators.

Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, was worship leader for the conference. He led a worship service during the opening session on Monday evening. Talmadge Butler of the music faculty at New Orleans Seminary was music director. Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo., businessman, presented special music. Mark Edwards, senior at Southwestern Seminary and organist at Second Church, Houston, was organist.

In his response to Erickson, Pollard said, "Lately I have learned that I am an inerrantist . . . Dr. Erickson . . . begins his paper by presupposing that by now we all understand what iner-

rancy is. I believe that is so, but it is apparent that we don't all understand the same thing."

Erickson had said, "The inerrant word is that set of instruments pointing to the right, the good, and the true, in a world of confusing feeling and conflicting opinions." He said, "Does the Bible say this?" There is no other authority." He added, "... the preacher or other Christian servant will take encouragement and comfort from the fact that there is an authoritative and inerrant scripture and that the success of the ministry depends upon it and upon God's working, not upon human strength." He concluded, "The Bible has been given to us to guide our own personal lives and ministries and to supply the content of the message which we proclaim in word and deed. May the doctrine of the inerrancy of scripture add urgency and effectiveness to the execution of our mission."

### Match Implications

Pollard responded that "the ideas of this paper are not being matched by the actual in our convention's life. Many ministers claiming inerrancy do not fit the magnificent mold here presented." He added, "Let's try to match his implications with reality as observed in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Pollard continued, "There seems to be a fine line, non-existent in some minds, between the presupposition that scriptural matter is inerrant and that personal interpretations of scriptural matter are inerrant. The whole purpose of an inerrant, authoritative word of God is that it dictate to us, not vice versa."

"To approach the Holy Word of God, believing it is an inerrant matter and must be accepted and understood as God's truth is one thing. Coming to the scripture declaring: 'I know what God's truth is and I'm going to let this scripture tell me what I want to hear' is another."

He added, "Perhaps it should be stated here that I do not believe inerrancy is the major issue among us or the cause of our current stress. A more critical issue is integrity, simply telling the truth about each other. I have not gotten involved in the political activity because I do not believe politics is the answer. Politics is our problem."

The six seminary presidents presided at the plenary sessions of the conference. The conference grew out of an effort made by the presidents just before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee

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Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, spoke to the inerrancy conference during its last session.

## Stephanie Hamilton wins Youth Speakers' Tournament



Stephanie Hamilton

Miss Stephanie Hamilton of Oak Forest Baptist Church, Jackson, was the 1987 winner in the youth Speakers' Tournament conducted by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Stephanie's parents are the Eddie Hamiltons of Jackson. Hamilton is the

pastor of Oak Forest Church.

Stephanie's speech was entitled, "How I Know God's Will." The judges graded the speech 50 percent on content and 50 percent on delivery. Stephanie did an outstanding job pulling together key thoughts on how one can know God's will and the importance of doing God's will once one knows that God is leading in a certain direction.

Miss Hamilton will be representing Mississippi at Ridgecrest Conference Center during the Church Training Conference, July 18-25. She will be presenting her speech before the group there along with representatives from other states in the Convention.

Her expenses for attending this conference are provided by the Church Training Department as a reward for winning this tournament. She will also be presenting her speech at the Church Training Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, June 25-27.

Also participating in the annual Youth Speakers' Tournament were: April Riley, Cason Church, Monroe Association; David Magee, Mt. Pisgah Church, Choctaw Association; James T. Wright, Jr., Highland Church, Jones Association.

## WMU officials lower goal for Lottie Moon Offering

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — The 1987 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has been lowered from \$81 million to \$75 million.

The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union voted by mail ballot in late April to lower the 1987 goal by \$6 million when projections revealed Southern Baptists would not meet the 1986 goal of \$75 million.

As of April 27, only \$67,751,032.36 of the 1986 goal had been received.

Projections indicate only \$70.1 million will be given toward the 1986 goal.

The goal change was made in time to have the revised amount shown on several promotional materials — including the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions posters and prayer guide — but not in time to get the amount changed in other promotional items, such as ads in Sunday School literature.

WMU leaders and officials at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission have expressed regret that the goal had to be decreased, but they cited the need to be realistic in setting the goal.

"We felt compelled to lower the 1987 goal when the 1986 goal wasn't reached," said Carolyn Weatherford, national WMU executive director. "The big problem is that a lot of people think we set a goal with an allowance for fluff. But actually, there's a place already for every penny of the goal."

We know exactly where that \$81 million would have gone."

But there is some good news among the bad, Weatherford said. In 1988, Southern Baptists will pass the \$1 billion mark in accumulative receipts for the Lottie Moon offering.

It took about 92 years to reach the first one-half billion dollars, which was passed in 1980. It will only take another eight years to reach the other half, she said.

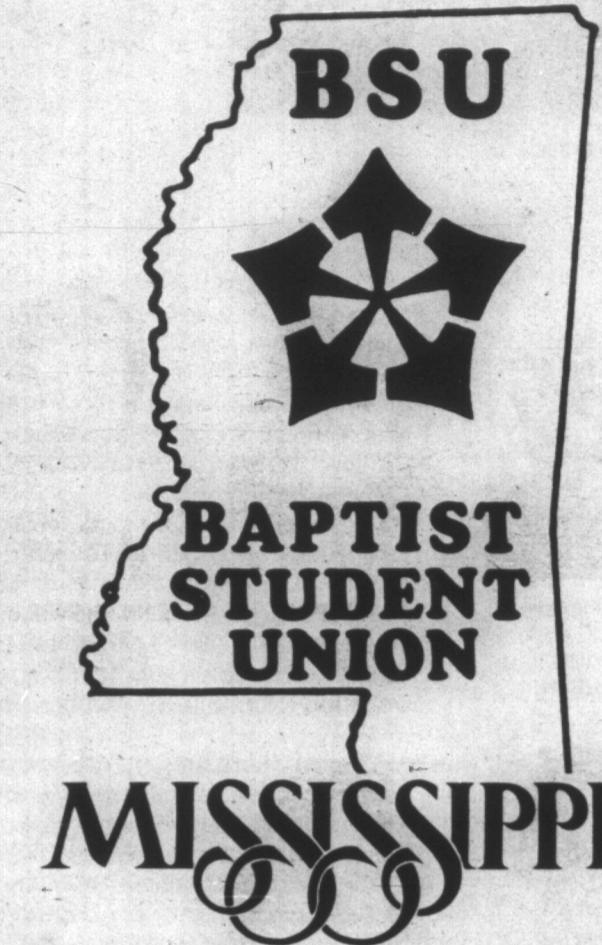
## Missionaries' son killed in Alaska

KETCHIKAN, Alaska — Mark Merritt, son of John and Elizabeth Merritt, Southern Baptist missionaries to West Germany, died May 2 in an auto accident in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Merritt, 25, was killed instantly around 9:30 a.m. when he lost control of his car on a highway in Ketchikan and it collided with a loaded dump truck, according to the Southeastern Log newspaper in Ketchikan. He had been an English and photojournalism teacher at Ketchikan High School for two years.

His parents have been Southern Baptist missionaries since 1964, first in Italy and since 1972, in West Germany. The senior Merritt is executive director of the European Baptist Convention. The couple has two other sons, Michael Paul, 29, and James Philip, 23.

A memorial service was scheduled May 6 at Merritt's church in Ketchikan, First Baptist, and a funeral service and burial May 8 in Hattiesburg, Miss.



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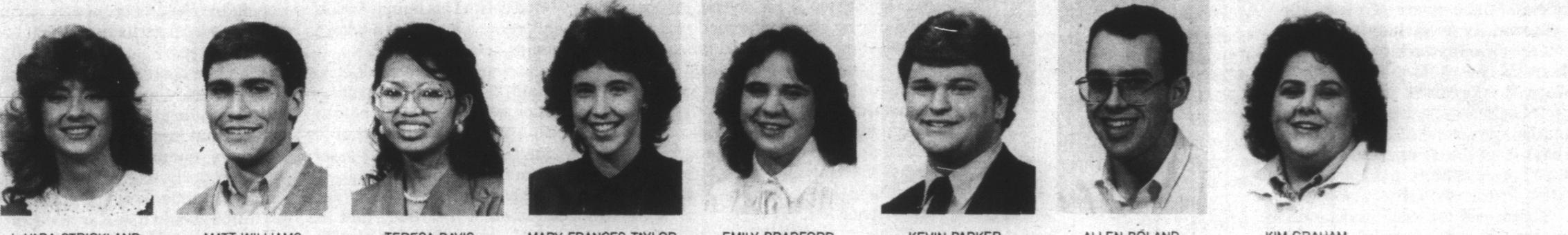
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## Devotional The life of joy

By Donnie Guy  
Phil. 2:3

The second step in maintaining Christian joy, in the midst of trouble, is to discover the submissive mind. Paul shares, in Phil. 2:3, "Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves!"

Did you see it? In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself! The person with the submissive mind thinks of others before he thinks of himself. Did Paul have this type of mind? Yes! (Read Phil. 1:23-25).

Paul knew that it would better for him to go on to heaven and be with Jesus, but he knew it would be better for the Philippians if he remained behind as their instructor. This is the submissive mind! Our dear Lord displayed this type of mind. Listen to what Paul says about Jesus in Phil. 2:7-8,

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And, being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross!"

Some have rightly said that the secret to Christian joy is found in the word itself, J.O.Y. JESUS FIRST, OTHERS SECOND, and YOU LAST. I fully agree with that statement, but many times, I must confess, I have found my attitude to be like this, ME FIRST, JESUS SECOND, and I COULD NOT CARE LESS ABOUT OTHERS. With this attitude, I found I was robbing myself of joy, which is rightly so, for such an attitude is totally contrary to the scripture. A Christian is never to feel himself superior to others, but submissive to them. The Christian life is a servant life.

One of my favorite comic strips is "Peanuts" and often I have found my attitude displayed through one or more of its characters. One instance I recall is in the attitude of Lucy. Lucy had just finished bawling out her little brother Linus for something he had done. Charley Brown, watching the whole thing, comes up to Lucy and says, "Lucy, you don't like mankind very much, do you?" To which Lucy replies, "Oh, sure I like mankind. It's people I can't stand!"

Have you ever felt you had that type of attitude? I must confess, I have, but God gave me a verse which helped me to overcome it, Romans 12:3, "To every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith! If you want to experience a new sense of joy, develop a submissive mind and learn to become a servant to others. (Next week, the spiritual mind.)

Donnie Guy is a Gulf Coast-based evangelist.



## Southern Seminary trustees affirm Glorieta statements

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Southern Seminary trustees overwhelmingly approved a report detailing the response of the seminary faculty to commitments set forth last fall by the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminary presidents.

Meeting in annual session on the seminary campus, April 27-29, trustees voted 51 to 1 with two abstentions to approve a lengthy report detailing specific plans for implementation of the Glorieta Statement.

Last fall, during a prayer retreat attended by the SBC Peace Committee and leaders of all national convention agencies, the presidents of the six seminaries issued a statement which has come to be known as the Glorieta Statement and which set forth specific commitments related to resolving the crisis in the denomination.

The Statement includes three philosophical statements and seven commitments. The philosophical statements say Christianity is supernatural, the Bible is "not errant in any area of reality," and pledge to address "legitimate concerns" in the convention.

The commitments are related to fairness and balance in teaching and selection of faculty, compliance by faculty members to the seminaries' confessional statements, and continued emphasis on spiritual growth, evangelism and missions on the seminary campuses.

Another commitment was to hold a

series of three conferences on biblical inerrancy, biblical interpretation, and biblical imperatives. The first was held May 4-7 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

In speaking to the report detailing the implementation of the Glorieta Statement, Southern seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt asked trustees to "examine the record and let the evidence speak for itself."

The report included a list of conservative scholars who have been invited to the campus as guest lecturers and visiting professors.

"Conservative evangelical scholars have not been represented as fully as they should have, and we're moving to correct that imbalance," Honeycutt said.

In response to a question about adding full-time faculty members, Honeycutt emphasized that as positions become available the seminary "will be adding qualified scholars from differing perspectives."

Honeycutt also assured trustees the administration will continue to require all faculty to teach according to the Abstract of Principles, the seminary's 1858 statement of faith which is included in the school's charter and is signed by all faculty. "I have made it clear to the faculty that we will not support you if you deviate from the abstract," he said.

In his report to the trustees, Honeycutt cited the "dynamic" spirit of renewal and spiritual growth on the campus illustrated by events such as

the seminary's fall revival and week-long World Missions Conference. At the close of the missions conference, more than 100 students made public commitments to missions service.

Trustees also addressed criticisms of public statements by two members of the faculty. They unanimously approved a report from the board's academic personnel committee dealing with charges against ethics professor Paul Simmons for an article on abortion. In the article, written for a Baptist state paper, Simmons had expressed opposition to the proposed Human Life Amendment to the Constitution. After the article appeared several individuals wrote Honeycutt demanding that Simmons be fired.

After two long discussions, the committee adopted a statement that while the members were "not in unanimous accord with Dr. Simmons' position on abortion as reflected in the article, we do unanimously concur with President Honeycutt that there are no grounds for dismissal of Dr.

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## Letters to the editor

### Ministry needs

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our many readers of our pressing need for health kits for use in our ministry center. In the past, GA, RA, Acteen, and Baptist Women groups have put together some health kits; and they have been an invaluable aid when included with our emergency food assistance, or the clothing assistance, especially during the summer months.

Needed items include toothpaste, shampoo, soap, wash cloths, combs, tooth brushes. (No medicine items) We will appreciate any assistance, and should anyone need further information, please let us know. You may reach us at the office at 627-3418 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. or at home after that at 627-9579.

Thank you for your assistance in making this need known to others involved in mission interests.

M. C. Johnson, director of missions  
North Delta Associations  
clarksdale

### Welcome military cadets

Editor:

The Baptist Student Union of the Air Force Academy would like to contact the men and women coming to the academy this July. We would like to meet their planes, provide

transportation and lodging, and help them to report to the Academy at the required time. If pastors, parents, friends, or the new cadets themselves will contact us with name and address, we will correspond to secure flight arrival times and provide further information.

The Academy Baptist Student Union is a widely recognized organization and is here for the purpose of contributing to the cadets' spiritual growth. Through the support of our Home Mission Board, Colorado Baptist General Convention, and Pikes Peak Association, the BSU has provided a most effective ministry. We seek to minister to cadets through involvement in Bible study, discipleship, church involvement, worship, and mission endeavors. We invite all new incoming cadets to join with us.

Also, for anyone attending West Point or the Naval Academy, similar ministries are provided. At West Point contact Alton Harpe, 11 Washington St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520, (914) 534-7954. At the Naval Academy contact Dick Bumpass, 201 Hanover St., Annapolis, MD 21401, (301) 263-0963.

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J. I. Packer, faculty member at Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., addresses the inerrancy conference last week at Ridgecrest.



Clark Pinnock, professor at McMaster Divinity School, Hamilton, Ont., was a speaker at the inerrancy conference.

# Pollard responses get enthusiastic applause

(Continued from page 3)

in October at Glorieta. The concept of this conference on inerrancy and two additional conferences in 1988 and 1989 was a part of the Glorieta Statement drafted by the presidents.

The major story of this conference was centered around the statements of Pinnock, a former professor at New Orleans Seminary. During his earlier years, Pinnock was a staunch advocate of inerrancy. He left the seminary because of having such a firm stand and is credited with having helped to launch what has evolved into the present conflict among Southern Baptists. He since has moderated his stand and has apologized for his part in the controversy.

But, Pinnock said, "I have not changed one whit in the matter of holding to the Bible as the inspired Word of God." And although he led the fight against what he termed as liberalism in Southern Baptist Convention schools in the sixties, Pinnock said during this conference that the controversy has gone too far.

#### Dangerously Divided

He said he sees "a great evangelical denomination dangerously divided." He pointed out that both sides of the conflict believe in inerrancy: one believing in an elaborate, structured view and the other in a simpler, experienced-based view.

Pinnock said that he wished that Southern Baptists could see that other evangelicals with those varying concepts of inerrancy "have been able to maintain some peace and cooperative effort."

"Is it that you are so numerically large that you feel you have the luxury of fighting with one another without any thought of the scandal you are causing for the Baptists and others watching from other parts of the world and of the dangerous possibility that the Baptist work may suffer among you, too?" Pinnock asked.

He told the fundamentalists that to "throw out a couple of liberals you are going to hurt a lot of good people who happen to love God."

Terming them as militants, Pinnock told the fundamentalists they must "stop behaving as if they are Roman Catholics. Behind inerrancy lies the desire to secure God's truth invincibly so that it cannot be lost or distorted. The logic of orthodoxy taken to its full extent can lead on right to Rome."

He told the moderates, however, that they must also bear a full share of the blame for the continuation of the controversy. He said they should be willing to admit to being inerrantists—also, albeit of a less rigid category. "Moderates must make it much clearer than they have wanted to in the past that they are in fact biblical conservatives and evangelical Christians. I urge the moderates to confess the faith clearly, distinguish it as forcefully from the errors on the left as they presently do from errors on the right."

Pinnock said that the moderates should be willing to sign the Chicago Statement, a treatment on biblical inerrancy developed by the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy. It was written to a great extent by Packer.

#### Beloved Mentor

In response to Pinnock, Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, called Pinnock his beloved mentor but said he grieves for his "professor who has forsaken the prophetic pulpit of Luther for the indecisive desk of Erasmus and the certainty of Paul for the vacillation of the Athenians who must always 'hear some new thing.'"

He agreed with Pinnock in his plea for peace, but he said that the price is too high. "He would have us stand at the judgment seat of Christ and try to explain to the enthroned Christ that in the interest of peace in the convention we supported by silence or by resources those who say that his Word errs," Patterson said.

Definitions of inerrancy continued to surface during the conference. Kantzer said, "It basically means not wandering from the truth. Accepting inerrancy requires the Christian to believe God caused his human writers to freely produce just such a book as God intends scripture to be."

In discussing the concept of error, Packer said, "Error is an affirmation or assertion which is an attempt to tell the truth and fails. Nothing that we have found convicts biblical assertions of factual or moral error. No biblical phenomena need invalidate the confession of inerrancy that the teaching of Jesus and the apostles leads us to make."

Preus said, "The inerrant scriptures are words taught by the Holy Spirit and having that quality which makes them overwhelmingly reliable witnesses to the words and deeds of the God who has in his inspired spokesmen and in his incarnate Son disclosed himself to men for their salvation."

Pinnock, however, said that "honest inerrantists surely must know that their favorite category is not clear or firm." This was also the position of Erickson, who said that a too-vigorous attempt to prove inerrancy results from a misunderstanding of the term. He added that misunderstandings of inerrancy arise out of the failure to see biblical statements in their cultural contexts or extending the range of the Bible's authority to in-

clude every subject which it mentions or to subjects that it does not address.

#### Includes Science

Packer added, "That includes science. The Bible contains no scientific statements at all. 'Biblical statements about God explain natural processes in terms of God's personal purpose but do not describe them scientifically.'

Regarding history, Packer said, "The Bible is more concerned with advancing knowledge of God than presenting a detailed historical outline. Biblical history, told from the standpoint of divine overruling, is by our standards sketchy on its human side, but its omissions should not be regarded as error or suspect."

Packer seemed to be the stockpole around which the conference revolved. His numerous books on inerrancy have branded him as an authority on the subject. When he had finished his final message on Wednesday, Pollard concluded the conference by saying, "This week I have found out that I am an inerrantist."

In a news conference, Kantzer said that inerrancy means that the Bible tells the truth and does so without telling us what is not so. We accept the Bible as completely authoritative when properly interpreted, he said.

Packer added that proper interpretation should mean as acceptable by recognized scholars. He noted that some fundamentalists are not willing to submit their interpretations to such scholars.

#### Seminar Leaders

The seminar leaders were G. Hugh Wamble, professor of church history at Midwestern; Russ Buss, associate professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern; Alan Neely, professor of missions at Southeastern; Leo Garrett, professor of theology at Southwestern; Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology at New Orleans; Robert Cate, dean of academic affairs at Golden Gate; Terry Young, professor of theology at New Orleans; Earle Ellis, visiting professor of theology at Southwestern; Kenneth Eakins, professor of archaeology and Old Testament interpretation at Golden Gate; Lewis Drummond, administrative director at the Billy Graham Center at Southern; Vernon Davis, vice president for academic affairs at Midwestern; Wayne Ward, professor of Christian Theology at Southern; Joe Cothen, vice president for academic affairs at New Orleans; David Mueller, professor of Christian theology at Southern; Bruce Corley, associate professor of New Testament, Southwestern; Morris Ashcraft, dean of faculty and professor of theology at Southeastern; and William Hendricks, professor of Christian theology at Southern.

As a continuation of their commitment as detailed in their Glorieta Statement, the six seminary presidents plan a conference on biblical interpretation in 1988 and a conference on biblical imperatives in 1989.

The seminary presidents are Roy Honeycutt at Southern, Russell Dilday at Southwestern, Landrum Leavell at New Orleans, Bill Crews at Golden Gate, Randall Lolley at Southeastern, and Milton Ferguson at Midwestern.



Clark Pinnock (left), professor of systematic theology at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, speaks with Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., after the two speakers presented contrasting views during a session of the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy. Rogers was one of Pinnock's students in the 1960s at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. (Photo by John McTyre)

# St. Louis resolutions committee appointed

ST. LOUIS (BP) — A 10-member Resolutions Committee to serve during the 1987 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 16-18, has been appointed by President Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn.

According to convention bylaws, the Resolutions Committee "has the duty . . . to prepare and submit to the convention resolutions which the committee deems appropriate for adoption and to report on all matters submitted to it by the convention."

Rogers told Baptist Press he "hopes again this year that we will continue in a spirit of holding down volatile resolutions in order to allow us to spend a great majority of our time on the substantive issues before us — the election of the boards of trustees (for the agencies), the report of the Peace Committee, and other items."

He added, however, he will "give the Resolutions Committee freedom. I cannot be, nor would I be, iron-handed with them. On the other hand, I am going to encourage them to try to keep highly controversial resolutions off the floor, and I would encourage messengers to do the same thing."

In past years, resolutions presented to the annual meeting have generated considerable controversy, including differences of opinion on the weight

resolutions should be accorded. Some believe agencies and employees should adhere to the spirit of the resolutions while others believe the resolutions are an expression of the opinion of those present and voting at the time the resolutions are presented.

In recent years, resolutions have addressed such issues as the role of women, the inspiration of the Scriptures and abortion.

Rogers said he will follow the practice in past years of having messengers submit their resolutions at a table to the side of the main platform during miscellaneous business sessions. The topic of the resolution and its presenter will be read into the minutes by one of the convention officers.

Rogers also asked people planning to propose resolutions to send copies of the documents to the chairman of the resolutions committee as early as possible so the committee can study them and be prepared when the convention session begins.

The 10-member committee will meet in advance of the annual meeting for orientation and to begin the process of drafting proposed resolutions.

Rogers named Tom Melzoni, pastor

of Central Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, Tenn., as chairman and urged that drafts of proposed resolutions be mailed to Melzoni in care of the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

The SBC bylaws specify three of the 10 members of the Resolutions Committee be members of the SBC Executive Committee. Rogers named Guy Sanders III, pastor of First church, Lake Wales, Fla.; William F. Harrell, pastor of Abilene church, Martinez, Ga.; and David T. Gray, an attorney and member of Stithton church, Radcliff, Ky., — all members of the Executive Committee — to the Resolutions Committee.

Other members include: David Miller, director of missions of Little Red River Baptist Association and member of Southside church, Heber Springs, Ark.; John Swartz, pastor of Bethel church, Escondido, Calif.; Mrs. Rhonda H. Kelley, a homemaker and member of First Church, New Orleans; Ernest Ferrell, pastor of Bethesda church, Durham, N.C.; Mary Kay Stelter, a homemaker and member of First church, Lubbock, Texas; and Mrs. Lorraine Simms, a homemaker and member of First church, Roanoke, Va.

# Credentials and tellers committees appointed

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Credentials and Tellers Committees for the 1987 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 16-18, have been appointed by President Adrian P. Rogers.

According to convention bylaws, the Credentials Committee reviews and rules upon any question which may arise concerning registration of messengers at the annual meeting. Also, the committee is charged with studying and reporting on "any contention arising on the floor concerning the seating of messengers."

The committee works with the convention's registration secretary in order to accomplish its work. The registration secretary is Lee Porter of Nashville.

The chairman of the 25-member committee is James W. Bryant, pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark.

Members of the Credentials Committee are: Richard Cagle, pastor of First church, Jackson, Ala.; Mrs. Sue Brister, a pastor's wife and member of First Southern church, El Monte, Calif.; Fred H. Boehmer, pastor of First church, Brandon, Fla.; W.A. Smith, pastor of Sherwood church, Albany, Ga.; Bob Wagner, pastor of Second church, Marion, Ill.; Rudolph Yakym, a stockbroker and member of First Southern church of Mishawaka, a suburb of South Bend, Ind.; Mark R. Patton, pastor of First Southern church, Topeka, Kan.; Bob C. Litton, pastor of Utica church, Utica, Ky.; Lawrence Hall, a layman and member of Severson Valley church,

Elizabethtown, Ky.; Milton L. Williams, a layman and member of Broadmoor church, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Jeannette Casey, a homemaker and member of Valley church, Lutherville, Md.; Gary Berry, pastor of First church, McComb, Miss.;

Charles C. Holt, a layman and member of First church, Washington, Mo.; Adrian Burk, an attorney and member of Rice Memorial church, Northboro, Mass.; Albert C. Helms Jr., pastor of Scotts Hills church, Wilmington, N.C.; Mrs. Sally Pereira, a pastor's wife and member of First church, Swannanoa, N.C.; Don Dunn, a grocer and member of First church, Chickasha, Okla.; Forrest M. Whitington, a city manager and member of Immanuel church, Florence, S.C.;

Tommy Knotts, director of missions of Aiken Baptist Association and member of First church, Belvedere, S.C.; John D. Laid, pastor of First church, Clarksville, Tenn.; Joe S. Ratliff, pastor of Brentwood church, Houston, Texas; Don Wills, a businessman and member of First church, Wichita Falls, Texas; Paul Brown, pastor of First church, Woodbridge, Va.; and Mrs. Alberta M. Pearse, a homemaker and member of Plymouth Haven church, Alexandria, Va.

The Tellers Committee, which also works with the registration secretary, is charged with tabulation of any votes taken during the committee.

Chairman of the 21-member committee is James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga.

Other members include: Wallace

Edgar, pastor of Trinity church, Texarkana, Ark.; Simon Tsoi, pastor of First Chinese church, Phoenix, Ariz.; Doug Harrison, a layman and member of First Southern church, Fresno, Calif.; Doyle Carlton Jr., a businessman and member of First church, Merritt Island, Fla.; Mrs. Ruth Gleaves, a homemaker and member of First church, Atlanta; Roger Ellsworth, pastor of First church, Fairfield, Ill.;

Ron Baggett, a layman and member of Lansing Southern chapel, Tonganoxie, Kan.; Dale Moss, a layman and member of Faith church, Glen Burnie, Md.; Tommy Snyder, pastor of Calvary church, Greenville, Miss.; Miss Sue Tatum, a layperson and member of First church, Yazoo City, Miss.; Mrs. Dawn Phillips, a layperson and member of First church, St. Joseph, Mo.; Norman A. Boshoff, pastor of Hoffmantown church, Albuquerque, N.M.;

Mrs. Ellamae Elder, a pastor's wife and member of First church, Aztec, N.M.; Doyle W. Gunter, a businessman and member of Hyatt's Chapel church, Whittier, N.C.; Howard Candler, a layman and member of Calvary church, West Asheville, N.C.; Ferrell Mills, pastor of Grand Avenue church, Corvallis, Ore.; Jimmie E. Harley, pastor of First church, Florence, S.C.; George Brown, a veterinarian and member of Calvary church, Knoxville, Tenn.; David Galvan, pastor of Primera Iglesia Nueva Vida, Garland, Texas; and Bob Melvin, pastor of Spotswood church, Fredericksburg, Va.

Thursday, May 14, 1987

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Faces And Places  
by anne washburn mc williams

## Of Polkville and Denia

Mother's Day in triplicate seems to be what I'm celebrating this year. In our family we plan to visit my mother and celebrate with her next Sunday. Last Sunday, after church at Morrison Heights, I celebrated with some members of W. D.'s family. And the first Sunday in May, I was in Spain; it happened there that day to be Mother's Day.

Since W. D. and I don't have any children, we usually are invited by one of our numerous nieces and nephews to join in reunion dinners. It really is special to be thus included.

### Polkville, Mississippi.

This time we accepted an invitation to lunch with Patsy and Philip Boone at their farm near Polkville. Patsy (who is vice president and manager of the Magee branch of Laurel Federal Savings Bank) is one of the eight children of Vera and T. J. Harper of Newhebron; her mother is W. D.'s sister. For some time (I'm not sure how many years) her husband worked with an oil company in Saudi Arabia. Not all her family was there Sunday, but quite a few were.

Besides her parents, there were some children and grandchildren and uncles and aunts! These included

Alex, Lisa, and Hannah Bullen of Union Church; Sonny, Donna, and Candace Bryant of Crossgates near Brandon; Ted, Kim, Ben, and Spencer Harper of Magee; Lynn, Carrie, Ashley, and Joe Sutton of Mendenhall; Jerry, Pat, Jeff, and Tiffany Harper of Prentiss; and Speedy McWilliams of Magee. (Donna Bryant, Patsy's daughter, a nurse at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson, baked the Mother's Day cake.) After lunch all the kids — and some of the adults — dived into the swimming pool, but it was still a little cool for me!

### Denia, Spain.

Sunday morning, May 3, I awoke to a soft breeze blowing across a geranium-laden balcony, from the Mediterranean Sea. I had to pinch myself to believe I was in the apartment of Joe and Lila Mefford in Denia, Spain. (Joe and Lila, SBC missionaries in Spain for 33 years, retired last year, and are living at Denia, where their daughter, Susie, is married to Jaime Sendra, the son of the city's mayor. It didn't take much to convince me that they had picked an absolutely ideal place to retire. They are Coloradans, but back before they went to Spain, Joe was pastor at Oskyka, Mississippi.)

After a leisurely breakfast, Lila and I walked to the cemetery on our way to the 11 a.m. preaching service at the Denia Baptist Church. Joe drove ahead in their car. (Sunday School would not be until that night at 7.)

We stopped in the small walled section that was formerly used only for burial of Protestants and/or criminals, and saw there the grave of a Spanish Baptist pastor I had read about. (Now new Protestant and Catholic graves are no longer divided by a wall.) In the main section of the cemetery, the vaults were above

the ground, somewhat as in New Orleans. They were stacked perhaps five vaults high, and in front of almost every one, fresh flowers had been recently arranged. Many there that morning had brought flowers, perhaps because it was Mother's Day in Spain.

I met a lovely woman, dressed in black, arranging a bowl of white carnations. Lila introduced her as Pepito Pastor de Tous, a charter member of the Denia Baptist Church 66 years ago, in 1921. Lila said that after the Civil War in Spain, almost all of the women wore black, because so many in their families had died in the war. Still I saw quite a few wearing black, but most of the women wear bright colors now.

The order of worship at the Denia (DAY-ni-a) Baptist Church was not too different from my own in Clinton. The church has co-pastors, Antonio Calero and Jorge Pastor. It was Pastor who preached that day, using verses from Psalm 42 and 43 as his texts. This man, I learned, was the nephew of the charter member I had met earlier in the morning. And I had seen his father's grave in the Protestant cemetery. (He also was a Baptist pastor.)

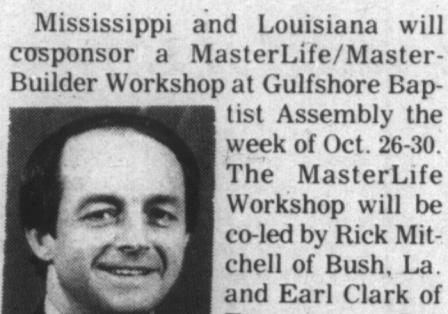
Though the words of the hymns were in Spanish, of course, I recognized "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Faith of Our Fathers" — or was it "Faith of our Mothers"? (They announced that Mother's Day would be celebrated the following Sunday in that particular church.) Lila translated for me. I was glad I got to take part in their Lord's Supper service. The congregation went forward, about 15 at the time, to form a semi-circle at the front, to receive the bread and wine. One of the deacons serving was a woman. On the archway above the baptismal the words stood out: "Dios Es Amor."

A bare-topped rocky mountain, called Montgo, dominates the skyline of Denia. One local resident said it is the third highest mountain in the world that near the sea. On its lower slopes is the Spanish Baptist campground, which I'd often studied in my G.A. magazines. And quite near the camp is a missionary home owned by the FMB, SBC. Karen and Reggie Quimby from Alabama live there now with their three sons, Michael and Matthew (twins) and Jason, and a friendly boxer named Rocky.

The house is in a fantastically beautiful setting, the mountain on one side, the sea on the other. From its wide porch I could look over an orchard of almond trees to an array of bright flowers scattered on walls and yards of white stucco houses topped with red tile roofs.

After church, Joe and Lila and I took a walk along the beach, on a mosaic tile paseo curving between the sand and the palm-fringed street. About 2 o'clock, we ate lunch with the Quimbys. (Another week I'll share Karen's recipe for zucchini bread.) Following a feast, Spanish siesta time sounds good.

# Two states cosponsor MasterLife Workshop



Clark of education at First Church, Mendenhall before moving to Pennsylvania.

The MasterBuilder section of the workshop will be led by Joe Chandler of Knoxville, Tenn. A prerequisite for registering for a MasterBuilder workshop is to have participated in a MasterLife Workshop or a MasterLife group.

A registration fee of \$82.50 is required for the MasterLife section of the workshop. This covers all leadership materials. A registrant's spouse may attend for a \$10 reduction. The registration fee for the MasterBuilder workshop is \$50. If two or more persons from the same church are registered in the MasterLife workshop scheduled parallel to MasterBuilder workshop this fee is refunded. Registration fees for the

MasterLife or the MasterBuilder workshops are to be mailed to Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571. The cost for room and meals at Gulfshore for the week, double occupancy will be \$125. Meals for commuters (lunch & supper only) will be \$50.

The program begins with the evening meal on Monday and concludes with lunch on Friday.

Promotional materials note that MasterLife discipleship training is a sequential, developmental group disciplining process that enables one to make Christ master and to master the Christian life through practicing the basic disciplines of abiding in Christ, living in the Word, praying in faith, living in fellowship with believers, witnessing to the world, and ministering through Christ's power.

The workshop will be under the direction of mature, practicing disciples. Workshop graduates are eligible to purchase materials and/or authorized to lead a group in their church or association. Questions concerning the workshop may be addressed to the Church Training Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, or the Church Training Department.

## Retired judge is still giving out sentences

Judge Robert Sugg (retired from Mississippi's Supreme Court) is still giving sentences. The sentences sound like this.

"This is a bird with a long tail and a round body. This is the letter 'b'. (The emphasis is on learning by association rather than rote memory.)

Judge Sugg trained volunteers to teach the Laubach method of reading at Pleasant Green M. B. Church, Clinton. This method starts with the known — the spoken word — and moves to the unknown — the written word — in easy steps that elicit the

correct response from the student and reinforce it immediately.

The twelve who finished the workshop hold membership in the Pleasant Green, St. Mark, Hardy Grove, and Northside Baptist Churches. One has already been assigned to work with a non-reader.

The 16-hour literacy workshop was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Bi-Racial Commission, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Childhood ministers will meet in Jackson on May 26

Mississippi Baptist Childhood ministers from across the state will meet on May 26, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Jackson in the Convention Board building. The theme for the meeting will be "Childhood Ministers Supporting One Another." The featured speaker will be Ray Evette of the Church Administration Department

at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Persons who minister either full-time or part-time on church staff in the area of childhood education are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information on the meeting or to register call Julia Summerlin of Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus, at 328-2924.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

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| May 17    | Day of Prayer for Human Life (CAC Emphasis)  |
| May 18-24 | Associational Emphasis Week (HMB Emphasis)   |
| May 19    | Associational Officers Interpretation Meeting: Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (PD) |
| May 22-23 | Adult Campcraft Training; Central Hills Retreat; 6 p.m., 22nd-2 p.m., 23rd (BRO)             |
| May 23    | Small Sunday School Regional Pastor/Director Conference; FBC Lyman; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (SS)    |



From left: DaVona Ladner, Craig Shaw, Jason Turner, Alice Thompson, Tonya West, Gary Rivers, Jason Gentry, Bruce Lee, Michelle Kemp, Leanne Marbury.

## Shaw and Ladner win Bible Drill Tournament

Craig Shaw of Bluff Springs Church, Choctaw Association and DeVona Ladner of Heidelberg Church, Jasper Association were the winners in the Youth Bible Drill Selection Tournament held on May 2 at Calvary Church, Jackson. This event is conducted each year by the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Craig chose to represent Mississippi at the Church Training Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, N.C., July 18-25. DeVona chose to represent Mississippi at the Church Training Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico, July 4-10. The expense for these two young people to attend these conferences will be provided by the Mississippi Church Training Department in recognition of their hard work.

Craig has participated in Youth Bible Drills for two years. He is in the

8th grade. DeVona has participated three years in Children's Bible Drills and four years in Youth Drills. She is in the 9th grade.

Other participants in the finals of the Selection Tournament included: Jason Turner of Rocky Creek Church, George Association; Jason Gentry, Hope Church, Neshoba; Gary Wayne Rivers, McDowell Road Church, Hinds-Madison; Leanne Marbury, Enon Church, Walthall Association; Michelle Kemp, First, Carthage, in Leake Association; Alice Thompson, Hope Church, Neshoba; Tonya West, Salem Heights Church, Jones Association; and Bruce Lee, Grace Church, Neshoba.

All of these young people are invited to attend Church Training Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, June 25-27 as guest of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

## Conference will help identify barriers to church growth

Robert Dale, professor at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., will be the featured speaker for a conference directed at churches which are not growing.

Dale, author of the book, "To Dream Again," will speak at the June 1 conference which will take place at the Baptist Building in Jackson, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

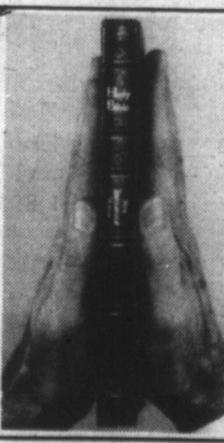
Purpose of the conference is to help identify signs of plateauing churches, to identify barriers to church growth, discover needs and place of transformational leadership, and develop a planning strategy.

There is no charge for this con-

ference, but registration is necessary by contacting the sponsoring office: Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, phone 968-3800. Julius Thompson is director.

## Staff Changes

Mount Zion Church, Walnut Grove, has called C. C. Burns as staff evangelist. He goes to Mount Zion from New Zion Church, Walnut Grove, where he served as pastor for nine and a half years. Burns is available for revivals, Bible conferences, and pulpit supply. He can be contacted at Rt. 2, Box 88C Walnut Grove, MS 39189 or phone 601-253-2581. Paul Jordan is pastor.



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## Calhoun plans pulpit exchanges, missions fair

Calhoun Baptist Association was organized on Oct. 30, 1875, with 13 churches from the Zion Association. Today, the association have 50 churches with a total membership of 8,799. On May 24 the churches will be involved in several activities to bring about a better knowledge of our missions program.

During the morning worship service in participating churches there will be a pulpit exchange where the pastor of one church will go to another to speak on associational missions and a pastor from another church will come to his to do the same. Opportunity will be given to give a special offering for associational missions.

Following the morning worship from 2-4 p.m. at the associational office a MISSIONS FAIR will be held. Booths will be set up for foreign, home, state, and associational missions. Representatives from each of these will be visiting. Refreshments, handouts, and balloons for the kids will be available.

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The SonShine Youth Choir (pictured) of First Church, Laurel, recently returned home from a Jackson area choir tour where they were in concert at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, Parkway Church youth rally and worship service, and Rankin County Correction Center for Women. The youth choir

also presented "O Magnify" on May 3.

Larry Kennedy is pastor. Billy Vaughan is minister of music. Jan Goodwin is the director of SonShine, Sue Walker, associate, and Chan Geddie is assistant.

## Just for the Record



Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland, honored its Missions Friends, GAs, and Acteens, with a candlelight service, March 22. The theme was "Light the Way."

The program was coordinated by Mrs. Gwen Nichols, WMU director. A reception was hosted by the Baptist Women.

Pictured are Mission Friends, (left) from left to right, Genger Hays, Page Lowery, Lydia Smith, Mandy Lowery, Josh Goss, and Sid Naren.

GAs, left to right, (top left) are top row Laura Lee Naren, Robin Livingston, Kel-

Cherry Park Church, Clinton will be holding a spring arts and crafts fair, Sat., May 23 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. For more information, contact Melonye Dixon, 1701 Old Vicksburg Rd., Clinton, MS 39056, or call 924-4502 or 366-5349.

## Senior Adult Corner

The Senior Adults of Calvary Church, Lamar Association were honored for their years of service, May 3. The day began with the all Senior Adult choir singing "The Longer I Serve Him." Ronnie Jones, pastor, brought the message, "Older — Not Colder."

During recognition time lapel pins and memberships to the National Senior Adult Association were presented to all members. A plaque was given to Mrs. Lucy Clinton, first president of Calvary's Senior Adult Organization. Mrs. Clinton also named the organization "Live Oaks."

A covered-dish meal was prepared by the younger members. A creative display by the librarian and posters made by the youth added to the occasion.



Antioch Church, Columbus, recently honored two of its staff members on the occasion of their anniversary at the church. Mrs. Rhonda Caruthers has served the church as secretary for 10 years, and Mac Pace has served as minister of music and youth for nine years. The church held a reception in their honor after the evening service, and they were given a gift. Jimmy Harrington is pastor.

Pictured, left to right, are Pace, Caruthers, and Harrington.

Elam Church, Yalobusha, will have memorial services May 24. The morning message will be brought by Larry McDaniel. Lunch at noon with singing in the afternoon.

Oakdale Church, Brandon, will present Tim Fritz and the Southern Gospel Quartet, May 16, at 7 p.m.

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Parkhill, Jackson: May 17-20; James Allen, pastor; Robinson Street, Jackson, preaching; Raymond Ball, minister of music, Woodville Heights, Jackson, music; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; 7:30 nightly, Mon.-Wed.; James C. Edwards, pastor.

Cliff Temple, Natchez: May 17-21; Guy Henderson, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music evangelist; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mon., Wed., and Thurs., 10 a.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7:15 p.m.; Charles Heltman, interim pastor.

First, Potts Camp: May 10-15; services, 7:30 nightly; Randy Isabell,

evangelist; James Lewis, music; G. Wiley Gann, pastor; Troy Defer, minister of music.

Barefoot Springs (Rankin): May 17-22; Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds followed by afternoon service, no Sunday night service; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Danny Moss, evangelist; Timmy Aycock, music; Grant McElveen, pastor.

## Homecomings

Emmanuel, Jackson: May 17; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; lunch served in family life center.

Doty Springs (Attala): May 17; 10 a.m., dinner on the grounds, singing in afternoon; Joe Hill, pastor.

New Prospect (Tishomingo): May 17; after morning worship service, dinner will be served in fellowship hall; then the Celestials from Tuscaloosa, Ala. will be guest singers; Michael Duff, pastor.

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# Names in the News



Student Body Association officers have been elected for the 1987-88 academic year at New Orleans Seminary. They are, from left, Pamela Miracle Phillips, of Newark, Ohio, president; Timothy Merritt Leggett, of Macon, Ga., vice president; and Sarah Jane Owen, of Columbus, Miss., secretary.

Brett Rigby, of First Baptist Church, Louisville, was the winner of the scholarship awarded to a nine-year participant in Children's and Youth Bible Drills at a Scholarship Selection Tournament on May 2.

Rigby will be graduating from Winston Academy, Louisville, in May. He plans to attend Mississippi College after attending Holmes Junior College.

Brett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Rigby of Louisville.

He has participated in Children's Bible Drills for three years and Youth Bible Drills for six years. On April 25 Brett received six-year trophy and a nine-year plaque awarded by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Phil Harris is pastor of Calvary Church, Petal. Cutlines for a picture of a GA coronation at that church in last week's issue of the Baptist Record listed Emmett Boone as pastor. Boone, however, has retired.

in Youth Bible Drills.

Mississippi is the only state in the Southern Baptist Convention whose youth in grades 10, 11, and 12 continue to participate in Youth Bible Drills.

**Big Springs Church, Lincoln Association**, has recently licensed Jerry Paxton Smith to the gospel ministry.

He will be available for speaking engagements and supply preaching. Contact by mail, Rt. 8, Box 198, Brookhaven, MS, 39010, phone 856-9989.

**David Nowell**, son of the Pat Nowells of Soso formerly of Tunica, was recently selected by Mississippi College to receive an exchange scholarship for study at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, West Germany. He will study German, psychology, and philosophy.

**Phil Harris** is pastor of Calvary Church, Petal. Cutlines for a picture of a GA coronation at that church in last week's issue of the Baptist Record listed Emmett Boone as pastor. Boone, however, has retired.



Rigby

## Attala Bible Drills held in Kosciusko

The annual Attala Baptist Associational Bible Drills were held at First Church, Kosciusko, on April 16. Two churches had participants in these drills. These were First Church, Kosciusko, and McAdams Church. Conducting the associational drills were Mrs. Stacy Chandler and Mrs. Warren Ferguson, Associational Bible Drill leaders. All associational participants were eligible for the State Bible Drills held at Starkville and Meridian. The State Drills are sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The children of First Church, who participated were: Brooke Atwood, Carrie Bryant, Melanie Burnham, Amy Crowe, John Dorrill, Brandi Hanson, Shonna Harvey, Chip Hawkins, Trey Lewis, Jay Price, John David Shaw, Rich Simpson, Amanda Weaver, and Kimberly Wiggers. Their leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Price, Mrs. David Hulsey, Mrs. Don Weaver and Mrs. George Dorrill.

Youths participating from First Church were: Amy Atwood, Misty Branning, Julie Burnham, Renee Dorrill, Stan Hulsey, Angela Owen, Jonathan Powers, Amanda Price, Angela Price, Cam Proctor, Cassan-

dra Rutledge, Steven Rutledge, Molley Simpson, Christy Sullivan, Lisa Vanderford, Tony Vanderford, Elizabeth Weaver, Shannon West, and Susan West. Their leaders were Mrs. Billy Atwood, Mrs. Rob Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Dungan, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sullivan, and Mrs. Pat Vanderford. Stan Hulsey and Christy Sullivan were presented a trophy for six years participation in youth drill and a plaque for nine years of Bible drill participation. Amy Atwood, Angela Price, Cassandra Rutledge, and Elizabeth Weaver, participated in the

six-second drill and qualified to go to the Selection Tournament in Jackson.

Representing the children from McAdams Church were: Amy Tollison, Jonathan Bishop, Julie Montague, and Anna McCoy. Their leaders were Mrs. Jo Godfrey and Mrs. Shawneen Hogg.

Representing the youth from McAdams were Susan McNeal who has received superior rating for five years at the State Drill. Her leaders were Mrs. Vivian Hester and Mrs. Denise McNeal.

## Southern trustees affirm . . .

(Continued from page 5) Simmons.

During the full board meeting, trustees voted to add a sentence that the board "expresses its concern with Dr. Simmons' position and requests the president to encourage him to moderate his public involvement in this issue."

In the closing miscellaneous business session, trustees also debated at length a motion from the floor expressing disapproval of recent comments by church history pro-

## April gifts in state up over last year

Mississippi Baptists sent a total of \$1,766,776 to missions and education programs through the Cooperative Program in the month of April according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mississippi gifts for 1987 total \$6,233,127, which is \$110,444 more than for the same period in 1986. April gifts are up \$99,980 over the previous April.

The pro rata amount needed to raise the full \$18,150,000 budget as of the end of April would be \$6,050,000. This means that gifts are \$72,682 over that amount.

## Staff Changes

**Rick Ball** has resigned as minister to students at First Church, Jackson, and is available for interim work in the area of students or education. He can be reached at 610 Red Oak, Madison, Miss. 39110, phone 856-9989.

## Oak Hill, Booneville, to celebrate 100th

Oak Hill Church, Rt. 2, Booneville, will be celebrating its 100th year as an organized church, May 31. The services will begin at 10 a.m. with former pastors bringing the messages. After the fellowship meal at noon there will be singing by the Crawford quartet and others beginning at 1:30. Messages from some of the former pastors will be heard at this time also. Charles Farmer is pastor.

## Gulfshore slots are still available

There is still space available in the Gulfshore summer conferences listed below and the time to register for any one of them.

May 11-15, I Senior Adult; May 15-17, Single Adult; May 18-20, II Senior Adult; May 21-23, III Senior Adult; May 25-29, I Youth; May 29-June 2, II Youth;

August 3-5, III Sunday School Leadership; August 6-8, IV Sunday School Leadership; August 13-17, IX Youth; August 18-22, IV Senior Adult;

For reservations contact: Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571; phone: (601) 452-7261.

## Golden Gate employs Jackson man

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. — Danny Rutland has been named Regional Development Officer of Golden Gate Seminary.

Rutland will oversee development activities from offices in Jackson, Miss., including annual fund and deferred giving, for the southern and southwest portion of the United States.

An ordained Southern Baptist

minister, Rutland is a graduate of Hinds Junior College and Mississippi College. Most recently he was director of publications for Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson. He is a member of First Church, Jackson.

Rutland and his wife, Melesia, have one child, Mandy.

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6 30	Changed Lives One in the Spirit	Vegetable Soup Cope	Villa Alegre Cope	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Carras- coendas Cope	Infinity Factory Cope
7 30	Catch the Spirit This is the Life	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunday School Lesson Davey and Golath
8 30	Methodist Hour	Prime Timers Country Crossroads	Profiles Great Churches	Word of Life In Concert	From Jumpstreet GreatChurches of America	First Things First Invitation to Life	Sunrise Factory Gigglesoft Hotel
9 00	In Touch	"	"	"	"	"	Skippy the Kangaroo Lone Ranger Cartoon
10 00	Joy of Music	Que Pasa, USA?	Bill Cosby	Shari Lewis	Mickey Rooney	Rebob	Casco Kid
10 30	Gloria	"	"	"	"	"	"
11 00	Presbyterian Hour	Sunshine Factory Sergeant Preston	Sunshine Factory Sergeant Preston	Sunshine Factory Sergeant Preston	Sunshine Factory Sergeant Preston	Sunshine Factory Sergeant Preston	Christian Life- style Mag.
12 00	The Baptist Hour	Lassie	Lassie	Lassie	Lassie	Lassie	Country Crossroads
12 30	"	Vegetable Soup	Villa Alegre	Sunshine Factory	Carras- coendas	Infinity Factory	"
1 00	Christopher Closeup Sunday Selection	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Jim Houston Outdoors Outdoor Magazine
2 00	"	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Plant Groom David Wade
3 30	GreatChurches of America	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Davey and Golath Sunrise Factory
4 00	Joy of Music	"	"	"	"	"	Gigglesoft Hotel Country Crossroads
4 30	Gloria	Sergeant Preston	Sergeant Preston	Sergeant Preston	Sergeant Preston	Sergeant Preston	"
5 30	Presbyterian Hour	Lassie	Lassie	Lassie	Lassie	Lassie	Vegetable Soup
6 30	This is the Life Methodist Hour	Bill Cosby Life Today	Shari Lewis Life Today	Mickey Rooney Life Today	Rebob Life Today	Que Pasa, USA? Life Today	Skippy the Kangaroo Lone Ranger Cartoon
7 00	"	"	"	"	"	"	Casco Kid
7 30	Changed Lives	Profiles	Word of Life	From Jumpstreet	First Things First	Prime Timers	"
8 00	One in the Spirit Catch the Spirit	GreatChurches of America	"	GreatChurches of America	Invitation to Life	Country Crossroads	"
8 30	Baptist Hour Evening Worship	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Christian Life- style Mag.
9 00	Christopher Closeup Sunday Selection	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Sunday School Lesson Country Crossroads
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11 00	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11 30	"	"	"	"	"	"	Jimmy Houston
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

## The church facing problems can pray, seek Spirit's power

By Nathan L. Barber  
Acts 4:1-3, 29-31; 6:1-3, 7

A certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb (3:2) has been healed by Peter and John "... in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene ..." (3:6). He entered the temple with Peter and John and caused quite a stir because all the people present in the temple saw him walking and praising God (3:9). The people were full of amazement (3:11), and they gathered around Peter, John, and the previously lame beggar.

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Peter recognized this gathering of people as another opportunity to be a witness for Jesus Christ. He seized the opportunity and began to speak to the people concerning "... the prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead ..." (3:15). "And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees, came upon them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in jail until the next day"

A principle which needs to be seen and understood by the Christian community is quite evident in the experience of Peter and John on this occasion. The principle is that external pressures and problems are not uncommon in the lives of individuals and churches who involve themselves in the task of the church

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(4:1-3).

It was the Sadducees who had the most to lose as a result of what was taking place. They were in possession of the office of high priest at this time and were answerable to the Romans concerning any disturbances which might affect the peace. Large gatherings of people were undesirable to the Sadducees because they were determined to put a stop to troublesome situations before anything had an opportunity to develop. In addition to this they were already greatly disturbed by the rapidly growing number of the disciples of Jesus. All of this was made worse by the fact that the disciples proclaimed the resurrection of the dead, a teaching which was disbelieved by the Sadducees (Luke 20:2) and strongly held by the Pharisees. The status quo was being threatened and the Sadducees became very uncomfortable.

They believed and prayed, "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant thy bond-servants may speak thy word with all confidence, while thou dost extend thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of thy holy servant Jesus" (4:29, 30). Their praying and confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit brought about marvelous results. Even in the face of threats from powerful forces, they spoke the word of God with boldness. "Boldness" means that they possessed a freedom to speak the word of God without fear of the consequences.

which is given in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. There will always be those with conflicting self-interest who will seek to oppose Christ and his Church.

Another principle also needs to be seen and understood by the Christian community. That principle, as stated by Jesus himself, is that, "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The resurrection had given new significance to those words of Jesus, and Peter and John were convinced of their truth. So convinced were they that nothing would deter them from being his witnesses.

A short time after these things, while the disciples were continuing to increase in number

(6:1), a problem arose within the Christian community which had the potential of distracting the disciples from the priority matter of spreading the word of God (6:7). However, through (1) the power of the Holy Spirit (6:7), (2) the leadership of the twelve (6:2), and (3) the cooperation of the congregation (6:2-5), the potential problem became a matter of growth and development in the community of faith. "Seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom ..." (6:3) were selected from the congregation to accept the challenge and to take charge of the problem/task. Because the congregation was willing to support and participate in the important ministry to the widows, the apostles were released from those responsibilities in order that they might devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word (6:4).

The church learned early that both external and internal problems were nothing more than a challenge when prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit were brought to bear on the situation. The resurrection power of God which had turned apparent defeat into a resounding victory was still a very present source of strength and encouragement to the excited Christian community.

Nathan Barber is pastor, First, Bay St. Louis.

## A plea for genuine repentance is still being made

By Robert M. Hanvey  
Hosea 5:15 to 6:10

In our lesson this week we understand that God is reaching out to people with his message of redemption. We would say to people today,

whether in our Sunday School class, or in the market place, or where we shop, that God is still reaching out to people. We want to evangelize; we want to "missionize"; we want to share our God with others. God is offering his love and restoring ministries to all who will come to him and accept these gifts of ministry to them. God pleads with people to turn to him in genuine repentance. Perhaps this is best described for us in our lesson today. Hosea 6:6 states, "I desired mercy and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."

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Can we understand that we are to involve ourselves in genuine repentance, that is, the turning of our lives around and moving unto God as opposed to moving apart from God? Can we understand that genuine repentance is that deep, sorrowful, remorseful feeling that we have offended God and rebelled against him? We understand that God desires our repentance more than just an offering to work or an offering of just doing. He wants the real self turned unto him.

God said that he would go until Israel acknowledged their sin and sought him. God would take leave of his people. God would not be found by his own. It is an awesome thing when God takes leave of his people or he cannot be found by them. He is waiting for men to repent. The people were not willing to follow the Lord, and, of course, God anguished and was

sorrowful over Israel's disobedience. God sent his prophets to share his message to leave Israel to him. As Israel ultimately returned, God was desirous of mercy and knowledge of him as opposed to ritualistic observances. Israel was guilty of disobedience. Sometimes we are guilty of disobedience. People in homes and families are guilty of disobedience, but God is there with a prophetic message of love and mercy and repentance, waiting to receive us back to himself.

His plea for genuine repentance means if you desire to turn from whatever you are pursuing and turn to him with all of your feeling, all of your emotion, and all you are, God forgives. This is the lesson today which adults, who perhaps are unconcerned, might learn. They might see the wrongness of their actions and be challenged to turn to God and consider his standards for repentance.

People today see little connection between

religious rituals and righteous living. Some can be challenged through this lesson to consider God's demand of genuine repentance and righteous living in this world.

People who need to repent of their sins and turn to God can find instruction and inspiration from the lesson today. As we share what genuine repentance is, there might be one who would say, "If I repent, God will save me. If I offer myself in service, he will use me. If I come back to him from my waywardness he will forgive me and restore me."

Reaching out to people, evangelizing people, not only in the class but outside the four walls of the church building, helps us to build the Kingdom of God and helps people to see the need for repenting and turning unto him. The plea for genuine repentance is still being made by the God of Heaven. Turn to him. Receive his forgiveness. Know his love. Share his work.

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## Job's faith is strengthened through his experiences

By Charles Wesley  
Job 38:1-7; 42:1-7, 10-12a

Will the Lord ever respond? Has God left Job all alone in his suffering? Why does God not speak and declare Job's innocence? These are important questions. We have been left wondering if God has abandoned Job to struggle by himself. Yet all of this still seems so remote.

After all, Job lived centuries ago. But what about the following questions? Where was God when my daughter was killed in a car accident? Where is God when I am hurting from the tumor on my colon? Where is God while I am trying to make ends meet with no employment? God, where are You? Questions such as those and many more are asked by suffering people everywhere. Maybe Job doesn't seem so remote after all.

We can be thankful that the book of Job does not end in a cliff hanger. As the song says, "He was there all the time." God speaks and responds to the needs of Job. However, God spoke to the real needs of Job. We must

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recognize the truth that what we consider as needs may not be real needs at all in God's eyes.

God spoke to Job out of the whirlwind. Job's prayer for God to speak was finally being answered. We need to see at this point that as men we do not demand of God to speak or manipulate God to speak. Although, God will always speak and act in ways true to his character, he will speak and act on his time schedule, not ours. God responded to Job at the most appropriate time. If God had responded to Job's pleas earlier, Job would not have had adequate time to ponder all of the aspects of his theology that needed changing.

When God spoke to Job, it was more a confrontation than an answer to Job's pleas to establish his innocence. God challenged Job with probing questions that was designed to show his weakness and ignorance when compared to the strength and knowledge of God. Job expected answers. Instead, Job received questions. Very pointedly, God asked Job who was he to be questioning the way God acts

(38:2). One would think that in Job's suffering that he would learn a lesson about humility. But Job's arrogance had to be confronted by the penetrating questions of God. Only then could Job receive a proper perspective of his weakness when compared to the sovereignty of God over his universe.

Job had been wanting a chance to plead his innocence before God. But when time came for Job to speak all Job could do was state his insignificance (40:4, NASB). Like his friends, Job had plenty to say. But when he was confronted by God, Job could only be silent. After even more questions issued by God, Job could only give a short response to God which was a confession of his ignorance of God's ways. Job admitted that God could do whatever he pleases to do (42:1). Job realized that there was a purpose in his suffering even if it were known only to God.

Like Job, we need to realize that God is working through the circumstances of our lives to carry out his purposes and to bring about our spiritual growth. That is why we must commit our circumstances, good and bad, to God. Paul made this point clear when he said, "And we know that God causes all things to work

together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28, NASB). What Job needed was not an answer to his pleas of innocence, but a clearer understanding of the ability of God to work out his purpose through the circumstances of life, even when that circumstance is suffering.

Finally, the moment we have been waiting for arrives. The testing of Job is over. As a result Satan was discredited, for Job never cursed God. Actually, Job's faith strengthened through the experience. A sign of Job's growth and righteousness is seen by his intercession for his friends (42:10). Then God restored the wealth of Job twofold. Moreover, Job's respect was restored among his family and friends.

Wait a minute! Did we miss something? I don't remember Job ever being told why he suffered. Job was not told the reason. Job never even had a chance to read the first two chapters of his biography. If we had not learned anything else from this book, let us learn that because we do not have all the answers to our questions about life, we must trust our lives to a righteous and sovereign God.

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# Baptist Record

## Mission board leaders cite growth in Cuba

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Two executives of the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards returned recently from a four-day visit to Cuba, saying they were encouraged by the growth and stability of Baptist churches there.

It was the first time that representatives of both Southern Baptist Convention mission boards have visited Baptist leaders in Cuba on a jointly sponsored trip.

Oscar Romo, director of the language missions division for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, and Don Kammerdiener, vice president for the Americas at the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., said they were enthusiastic about the reception and response they received in Cuba.

Romo said the visit of Foreign and Home Mission Board representatives marks the beginning of a new cooperative relationship between the two boards and Baptists in Cuba.

Historically, relationships with the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba and Southern Baptists have been through the Home Mission Board. Until 1965, the Home Mission Board supported missionaries in Cuba, and it has maintained relationships in Cuba through the Baptist World Alliance after the missionaries left the country. American Baptists have maintained relationships with the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention.

Romo noted the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba reported 256 baptisms last year. Total membership in the 102 churches affiliated with the convention was reported at 6,413. Total membership last year decreased by 47 from the number reported in 1985, when there were 105 churches with 6,640 members.

The convention excluded three churches from membership last year because they felt the churches and their pastors were out of step with convention programs, objectives, and relationships, Romo said.

Both Romo and Kammerdiener said they were somewhat surprised that many of the younger pastors in Cuba are more conservative than the elder pastors.

There are 65 full-time Baptist pastors in Cuba serving the 102 churches, Romo said. Most of them have been trained at the Baptist seminary in Havana.

Nine full-time students currently are enrolled in the seminary, compared to three full-time students five years ago.

The quality of educational training and the professional competence of the 65 Cuban Baptist pastors stands very high in comparison to that of pastors in other Spanish American countries, Kammerdiener said, noting, "I was very impressed with them."

Few other Spanish-American countries had as many full-time pastors,

and such a low number of volunteer and bi-vocational ministers.

Kammerdiener said he was also impressed with the way the laymen's Brotherhood organization supports the Baptist home for the elderly and the way the Woman's Missionary Union supports the seminary.

The home for the elderly has 14 residents, including several retired Baptist pastors, Romo said. In addition to support from the Brotherhood, Romo said, the government provides for the needs at the home for the elderly and plans to help the expansion of the current facility.

When the two Baptist leaders arrived in Havana, a crowd of Baptists, including leaders of the convention, welcomed them at the airport.

During the four-day visit, Romo and Kammerdiener met with the executive committee and executive board of the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba and with many of the pastors. They also visited several churches, the seminary, and the home for the elderly.

Romo met privately with Jose Filipe Carneado, minister of cultural affairs for the Cuban government who has coordinated relationships with the churches in Cuba for more than 20 years. "We sat down and drank coffee together like old friends and talked about ways we could improve relations and be of mutual benefit," Romo said.

Jim Newton writes for the HMB.

## Bakker salary called exorbitant

FORT MILL, S.C. (EP) — Jim and Tammy Bakker were paid more than \$1.6 million in 1986 by the PTL ministry. Jerry Falwell, who took over PTL in March when former leader Jim Bakker resigned in the midst of a sex scandal, confirmed the reported salary and called the payments "exorbitant."

Since 1984 the Bakkers were paid \$4.8 million in salaries and bonuses, including \$640,000 so far in 1987. Perks included houses, cars, and living expenses. Their salaries have now been cut off.

Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who at one time was accused of trying to take over the Bakker ministry, said Bakker's salary was "just too much. It's just plain out ridiculous. People are going to say 'Hey, they've been ripping off the public' and to be honest with you that's exactly what was being done."

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 27,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas — the Southern Baptist Convention's largest congregation — said of PTL's salaries: "I think people are

soft in the head to support something like that."

Falwell has warned television evangelists to "provide full financial disclosure" or they will "cease to have credibility" with followers.

PTL President Richard Dortch, who took over the Bakker's television program after their resignation, was paid \$350,000 in 1986, and has been paid \$270,000 so far in 1987. He has since been fired.

**USA Today** surveyed salaries of top evangelists:

Falwell, who is not being paid for his work with PTL, receives an annual salary of \$100,000 from his ministry, with no added benefits.

Criswell makes \$48,000, double what he was paid in 1985.

Billy Graham's annual salary is \$74,500 with no perks.

Christian Broadcasting Network founder Pat Robertson is paid \$60,000, and donates it to his ministry. Robertson lives on his book royalties and speech fees, although his car and house are provided by CBN University, where he is chancellor.

Robert Schuller is paid \$80,000 per year, and received a \$50 Christmas bonus in 1986 — as did all workers at his Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

James Robison's salary is \$60,000.

### Six die when church van wrecks

OLATHE, Kan. (BP) — A church group outing to a Kansas City, Mo., amusement park ended in tragedy May 2 for Prairie Hills Southern Baptist Church here.

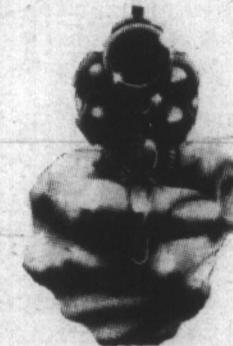
Six members of the 21-member group died when the van in which they were riding collided with the rear of a slow moving truck.

Those killed in the accident were James Gilcrest, 29, the church's youth director; William P. (Billy) Sims, 15 and Kelli A. McDaniel, 13, both of Augusta who were also members of Prairie Hills church. The other victims were Rhonda Kay Lacamp, 15, and Bryan L. Avers, 12, both of Rose Hill; and Jolene Nelson, 12, of Augusta.



Mobile home given Central Hills

A 1983, two bedroom mobile home was given to Central Hills Baptist Retreat by Terrell and Eloise Wise of Jackson. They are pictured second from left and center. At left is Earl Kelly, executive secretary treasurer of the MBCB, at right is Paul Harrell, Brotherhood Department director, and to his right is Chester Vaughn, MBCB program director, whose wife, Evelyn, is a cousin of the Wises. The mobile home is 58 by 12 feet and will be used to house volunteers assisting at Central Hills. The retreat is seeking a volunteer couple with professional landscaping abilities who could live at the retreat 6-8 months to develop a master landscape design and then supervise volunteers in implementation. (Phillip Hartman photo)



## Intensive care

*Drugs are just as deadly  
as a loaded gun.  
Don't take chances  
with your life*

### No room for wishful thinking

By Joe Stovall

Chemical dependency indicates more than the existence of the pressures of life. Social, psychological, and medical problems may interact. Improving conditions and personal problems may not cure the person who is chemically dependent. Chemical dependency becomes a functional problem in its own right, and it requires special attention for satisfactory recovery. Left untreated, a person's insatiable desire and usage of drugs and alcohol may continue and, in many instances, grow worse. As the need for drugs, both psychologically and physically, continues, the person rides on a merry-go-round of denial. Other people join in to make excuses, allowances, and to build walls of isolation, hoping to hide their own pain and embarrassment. The rest of the folks may say, "Why doesn't he quit? Why does he go on hurting himself?"

We may have discovered that merely wishing does not change anything or anybody. Also, the critical barb, "Where is your will power?" means nothing. Compulsive use of drugs or alcohol may indicate a predisposition to addiction or to a violent deviation from normalcy when applied to the intake of chemicals. Many alcoholics may live to curse taking their first drink. On the other hand, the drunk with his last breath may cry for another drink. No group of persons is immune, no age, sex, or race, from this tyranny. Therefore, the obligation remains to pass laws pertaining to the manufacture and the sale of chemicals and to enforce DUI laws, just as it is good business for farmers to prevent weeds from damaging and destroying their crops. Ideally, lives

need not be wasted because of alcohol and drugs. However, results will depend upon the availability of help for persons who cannot, on their own accord, break loose from alcohol and drugs.

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